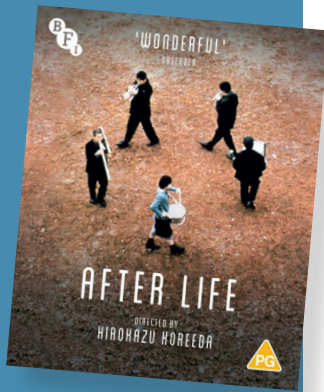


2024 SPRING JAPANESE FILM SERIES

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AFTER LIFE, NR

Directed by Hirokazu Kore-eda, 1998

Presented by Dr. William Covey

A mid-20th Century social service structure serves as a way station between life and death. Every Monday, deceased individuals check-in and social workers prompt them to select a single memory to carry into the afterlife. They have only a few days to choose their happiest memory, which is then designed, staged, and filmed by the workers. This allows souls to relive this moment for eternity, forgetting the rest of their life and residing within their happiest memory.

HULA GIRLS, NR

Directed by Sang-il Lee, 2006

Presented by Yukako Ishimaru

In an effort to reverse their economic fortunes, the elders of a small Japanese coal-mining town hire Madoka to create a Hawaiian center tourist attraction. Madoka recruits and trains hula dancers, including Sayuri and Kimiko. With encouragement from Kimiko's brother Yojiro, Madoka redoubles her efforts to make things work.

PRINCESS MONONOKE, PG13

Directed by Hayao Miyazaki, 1997

Presented by Misaki Okita

In the 14th Century, the harmony among humans, animals, and gods starts to crumble. Infected by an animal attack, the protagonist, young Ashitaka, seeks a cure from the deer-like god Shishigami. During his journey, he witnesses humans ravaging the Earth, angering the wolf god Moro and Princess Mononoke, his human companion. Ashitaka's efforts to mediate peace among them result in conflict.

GRAVE OF THE FIREFLIES, NR

Directed by Isao Takahata, 1988

Presented by Misaki Okita

A poignant reflection on the human toll of war, this animated story tracks Seita (Tsutomu Tatsumi), a teen responsible for his younger sister, Setsuko (Ayano Shiraiishi), following an American firebombing in WWII that separates them from their parents. Their survival story is both heartbreaking and realistic, as they depend on each other and fight against all odds to remain united and alive.

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